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For: GARTER FOR ITEMS OF APPAREL AND THE)
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Sir:

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested.
Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

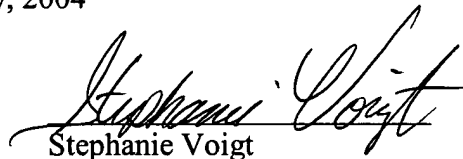


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